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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on 6/25/2007.
- 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4, 5, 7-11, 14-16, 18-20, 23-25, 27, and 28. [now 1-19].
- 3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 - 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

- 4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 - 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed and read:
-- GRAPHIC CONTROLLER TO MANAGE A MEMORY AND EFFECTIVE SIZE OF FIFO BUFFER AS VIEWED BY CPU CAN BE AS LARGE AS THE MEMORY --
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Reginald A. Ratliff, Reg. No. 48,098 on 8/29/2007.
4. Amend claim 20 as follows:
In claim 20, lines 2, 3, 4, and 5, insert --graphics-- before "controller" in the each of the lines.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of the record, Dye (U.S. Patent No. 6,173,381), and David et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,991,169), and newly found Hayek et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,044,419)

does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim).

a controller comprising a graphics engine operative to manage a memory ... a circular first in first out (FIFO) buffer coupled to the graphics engine ... manages the circular FIFO buffer via the integral interface and where all data transmittable to the circular FIFO buffer is transmitted via the integral interface, as claimed in claimed 1.

Hayek et al. has similar inventive concept, but it teaches away from the claimed limitations since Hayek et al. teaches a chipset that manages buffer and memory for a graphics processor or CPU. However, claim limitation clearly indicates a graphic engine operative to manage a memory.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harold Kim whose telephone number is 703-305-1948. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Sparks can be reached on 571-272-4201. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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